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THE SCOTTISH RITE CREED

The cause of human progress is our cause, the enfranchisement of human thought our supreme wish, the freedom of human conscience our mission and the guarantee of equal rights to all peoples everywhere, the end of our contention.

C. F. Kleinknecht, 33°, Grand Cross of Honour

It is not difficult to give many reasons why Christian Frederick Kleinknecht should be selected for the highest honor that Scottish Rite Masonry confers upon one of its members — THE GRAND CROSS COURT OF HONOUR. His accomplishments are so outstanding that he gained the admiration of all the people who know him and have worked with him.

Although he has never sought honors, he has worked laboriously for the Supreme Council for fifty years, silently directing the business affairs of it. It has been said of him, "All the virtues of a devoted fraternalist can be counted in his life."

Brother Kleinknecht is one of Scottish Rite Masonry's finest students, having done an outstanding piece of work in bringing up to date the Secret Works of the Supreme Council. He has a profound knowledge of Masonry in general, and his keen recollection of events is invaluable.

Since becoming an employee of the Supreme Council, Brother Kleinknecht has watched the membership grow from less than one hundred and fifty thousand members to over one-half million, and through his efforts he has compiled a set of records that are unsurpassed for accuracy and completeness. He has not only shown his ability for keeping records but has also given of his business knowledge in the successful financial affairs of the Supreme Council, which have prospered under his guidance.

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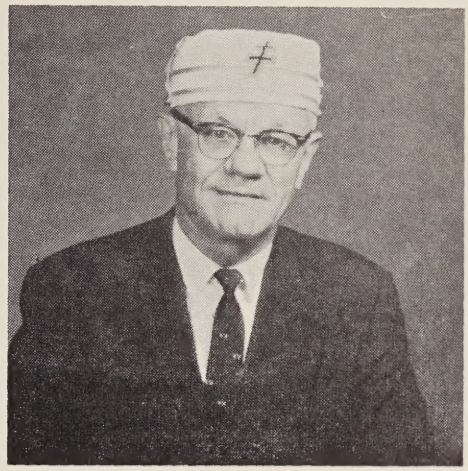


R. L. Pugh, 33°

The year 1969 is now behind us with its record of happy experiences, excellent fellowship, glowing success in the growth of the Scottish Rite in our Valley, and with genuine satisfaction as we look back over the experiences of the year.

That, however, is all behind us and as the Apostle Paul said: "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth to those things which are before, we press toward the mark for the prize."

Accordingly, we now begin to lay our plans for the year 1970, the first year of a new decade. There is more interest in the Scottish Rite in our Valley than we have ever observed before. We have now developed in practically every community a number of enthusiastic leaders who are anxious to discharge their responsibility and upon whom we can safely depend to keep Scottish Rite activities on the move.

There is much to be done. The Supreme Council's program of Americanism and Education is now going to receive its greatest emphasis under the leadership and direction of our new Grand Commander, Ill. Henry C. Clausen, 33°. Your attention is directed to an article in the January issue of the New Age in which Brother Clausen is calling for a number of regional meetings throughout the country to be attended by certain specified officers of the Bodies, with all expenses paid by the Supreme Council, and at which meeting, the Grand Commander and his representatives will make a thorough and complete description of plans for the Scottish Rite in the future. We will hear more of these plans as we proceed further.

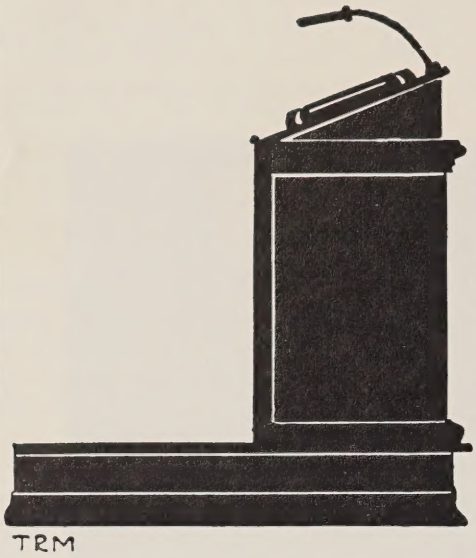
We are now pointing our winter and early spring activities to the Spring Reunion, the dates of which are April 14, 15 and 16. We had 165 members of "The Constitution Class" of our Fall Reunion and we intend to exert every energy possible to the end that this number shall be exceeded in the Spring Reunion in which the class has been designated as "The Rededication Class".

The title of the next class is most appropriate. If ever there has been a time in the history of civilized man when rededication to the sacred ideals of good citizenship and good government were more necessary, it is difficult to recall. Certainly the next decade contains the possibility of annihilation of mankind from the face of the earth unless there is a rededication to sacred ideals. Outstanding leaders in almost every field today remind us of the fact that weapons, pollutants and reproduction can become the three great enemies of mankind during this forthcoming decade and certainly unless these potential areas of destruction are faced with mankind's rededication to sacred ideals, mankind will succeed in eliminating himself. Scottish Rite philosophy contains the answer. It is up to us to convince non-Scottish Rite Masons of what we can mean to them.

Sincerely and fraternally,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

Scottish Rite Masonry Validates Its Teachings

I was interested some time ago in an article in which a prominent Mason received a letter from a friend and one of the questions in the letter was this. "Has Free Masonry still retained its virtue there?" This is an interesting question, there might be times when people are prone to ask such a question. Particularly, when it is poorly represented by some well-meaning brother in some town or hamlet. The thought came to me, however, that this is much like the old story of the individual who was told that he had broken one of the ten Commandments. Another person replied, "No, never, the ten Commandments are there — unbroken. Our friend has broken himself and I believe he realizes it now."

Scottish Masonry can never be anything less than its own virtuous self. There are many times when some of our church members act in a manner totally unbecoming to the stranger of Gallilee, but far be it from me to be critical of the Gallilean or his Philosophy. We may pass all of the Legislation we wish against guns, but in reality the guns alone never kill anyone. Senator Robert Kennedy's life was taken by Sirhan Sirhan with a registered weapon.

Scottish Rite Masonry will never be broken. This great movement of ours will go on and on, while the ages roll, but its method of application in and through some of its members may become distorted to the extent that we might say, "that is not Scottish Masonry as I received it."

There can be no doubt that Scottish Rite Masonry is founded on great and noble principles. Those principles can be applied by any member of the craft. If it is to the fullest, the problems of this world would soon vanish. A simple review, even of our obligations to God, our Country and ourselves, must assuredly say to us all that we have much to live up to and to portray before all people.

Scottish Masonry validates its teachings over and over again in every meaningful act of our being, but on the other hand we degrade ourselves and not the Movement when we act in the reverse. "To live a high-minded life is to think, speak and act as we believe our Supreme

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Grand Master would if He were to stand in our shoes and meet the circumstances and situations we meet each day. How would He handle them? How would He treat other people? How did He act when He was here? We know without being told and we should seek to behave in like manner."

There may be those who assert that this cannot be done. Especially in todays competitive world. But we should never, never lose sight of the fact that we became better men than we now are only by striving to the end. We can get from where we now are to the point where we want to be only by the process of moving in that direction. We fulfill the duty we owe to the Great Architect only by doing our utmost to live the sort of life we know He wishes us to live, in society, in public life, in our work, in our recreation.

In such fashion we fulfill the duty we owe to God and at the same time automatically conform to the provisions of our obligations. Furthermore, in thus fulfilling our duty to Him and our obligations as well, we cannot help being fine citizens, good neighbors and honest men. In so conducting ourselves, we demonstrate for those with eyes to see that Scottish Masonry has not lost its virtue, and we add our own contribution of word and deed to the work of solving the ills of the world in which we live.

LONG-TIME MASONS HONORED

LONG-TIME MASONS—Eight Masons with 25 and 50 years membership in the fraternity were honored in special rites at a communication of the University Lodge No. 408 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons on Monday night. Certificates and pins were presented by N. C. Grand Secretary Charles Harris (right) of Raleigh to (left to right) J. Nelson Callahan (25 years), Howard Burt (50 years), Paul Robertson (25 years), J. Burton Linker (50 years), Carl T. Durham (50 years), Dr. S. A. Nathan (50 years), and (not shown) John A. Pinnell (25 years), also, S. A. Nathan, Jr. (not shown in photo) received his 25 year Certificate. Dr. S. A. Nathan, Sr., 32°, K.C.C.H., is a member of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies.

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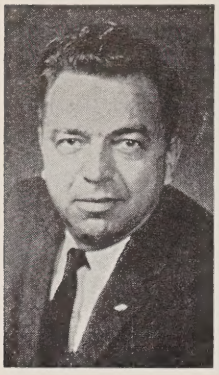

I speak not only of the year gone by, but of the decade as well. Here we are faced with a new one of each. Who would have dreamed that we could have seen and experienced so much in a decade as the one that has just finished?

A new year causes hope to stir deeply in one's heart, for there is an untraveled future. May we face it unafraid. And, let us, as never before, stand up for our country. There's only one America! How fortunate we are to live in it!

An optimist is a guy who tells you to cheer up when things are going his way.

If you think time heals everything, try sitting it out in a doctor's office.

During a flood, rescue workers spotted a man and his family perched atop their house.

Fighting the swirling currents and debris in their small boat, the rescuers pulled alongside and shouted: "We're from the Red Cross."

"Sorry," answered the man on the roof, "I gave at the office."

Variety is the spice of life, so it has been said, but it's monotony that most often pays for the bread and potatoes.

The young man looked at the high prices on the club menu, turned to his date and asked, "What will you have, my plump little doll?"

"How are your children doing at school?" asked a friend.

"Better," replied the other, "but still I go to P.T.A. under an assumed name."

A smile is a curve that you throw at another and it always results in a hit.

Worry takes up just as much time as work, but work pays off better.

Small boy explaining a broken window to policeman: "I was cleaning my slingshot and it went off."

Revised health hint: Brush your teeth regularly with an electric toothbrush and see your electrician twice a year.

A man remarked to his friends at the office one Monday that he wasn't feeling very well. He showed signs of a strenuous weekend. Later in the day one of his friends found him hunched over his desk with his head in his hands.

"What in heaven's name did you do during the weekend?" he asked.

"Fished through the ice," was the reply.

"Fished through ice? What for?"

"Olives," moaned the poor fellow.

It is not titles that honor men, but men that honor titles.

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Child telling of creation: "First God created Adam. He looked at him and said, 'I think I could do better if I tried again,' so He created Eve."

So to all of you from the Bagpipe and me — HAPPY NEW YEAR! May it be so good to all of us that we'll be able to say it to each other a year from now.

Your piper,
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No matter what area of Illustrious Henry C. Clausen's life one examines, success is evident. Beginning in 1905 with his childhood in San Francisco, Henry C. Clausen showed an unusual drive to success. Though burdened with the necessity of supporting his mother and sisters, due to the death of his father, Brother Clausen sustained his family and completed high school and the Unirevsity of San Francisco Law School by attending classes at night and working during the day. Later, post-graduate courses were attended at the University of California and the University of Michigan. He earned and was awarded a Juris Doctor. After passing the bar exam, he entered private law practice in 1927, at the age of 22.

As the personal appointee of Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, Brother Clausen was a member of the Army Pearl Harbor Board and conducted also further investigations into the Pearl Harbor disaster. His many services were rewarded by the Legion of Merit, the citation for which reads in part: "He displayed exceptional legal ability and judgment" and "his efforts contributed much to the maintenance of public confidence in the procurement policies of the War Department" and by his investigations into the Pearl Harbor disaster "he made an important contribution to the development of all the facts surrounding this matter and rendered notable services to the War Department." He also received the American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one bronze service star for the Luzon Campaign, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze service star.

Parallel to his success in all these legal, social, commercial, military, and charitable endeavors, Illustrious Clausen's Masonic career is equally outstanding. He was raised in Ingleside Lodge No. 630, F. & A.M., at San Francisco, California, on May 21, 1935, and served as Worshipful Master for 1940. He served the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of California as San Francisco General Chairman, Public Schools Week, 1938 to 1940; Chairman, Correspondence Committee, 1941 to 1947; Organizer and Chairman, San Francsico Grand Lodge Masonic Breakfast, 1940 to 1942; Grand Orator, 1941; Vice-Chairman, War Fund Committee, 1942; member, Committee on Policy and General Purposes, 1947 to 1950; member, Committee on Jurisprudence, 1951. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in October 1951, Senior Grand Warden in 1952, Deputy Grand Master in 1953, and Grand Master in 1954. He was also Representative in California of the Grand Lodge of England.

Illustrious Brother Clausen received the Scottish Rite degrees in the San Francisco Scottish Rite Bodies in San Francisco, California. He was honored with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 21, 1947, and Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary of the Thirty-Third Degree on October, 1953. He was appointed Deputy of The Supreme Council in California on December 1, 1953, and Crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General on October 21, 1955.

As a Member of The Supreme Council, Illustrious Clausen was appointed and served as Grand Master of Ceremonies and Grand Orator. He was elected Grand Minister of State on October 19, 1965; Deputy Grand Commander on September 28, 1967, and Sovereign Grand Commander on October 16, 1969.

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DOWN ONSLOW WAY

By

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

Folks have lately been having a whole lot to say about television news coverage, a lot of it too long unsaid, but nothing is being said about those inspiring commercials which are administered in dosages equal to or exceeding the news injections. It doesn't make a whole lot of difference which of the two you are watching, news or commercials, you have to have a pretty high level of credibility to believe much more than the time of day. The other evening a typical network newscast went something like this . . .

They opened up with two or three sages taking turns talking about Washington. They didn't spend nearly so much time telling what had happened in Washington as they did letting you know what, in their august opinions, was wrong with the people in Washington. It might be they were planning to tell us how to fix Washington, but they had to fade out right quick so these other folks could get on there and try to fasten a filter to a cigarette.

It may be that you have to be an idiot to smoke cigarettes (I can get away with saying that, because I smoke 'em), but you don't have to be a silly idiot. And anybody who tries to fasten a filter to a cigarette with a paper clip is just plain silly and I feel right silly watching 'em.

Back to the news, where we have a different crew of sages telling us what's wrong in Vietnam. Now it doesn't necessarily hold that everything the generals and admirals say is pure gospel, but I surely believe they know a whole heck of a lot more about Vietnam than do these self-appointed experts who really wouldn't know how to determine the causes and effects of an ordinary backyard cat fight. If newscasts must degenerate into opinion forums, then why can't we have some opinions from somebody who knows what they're talking about?

But we can't dwell on Vietnam too long, because it's time for a national bakery chain to honk its wares. They have just one virtue to claim for their bread — you can tear it in a straight line. They even show you how to do it; they tear a slice of that bread apart just as pretty as anything you've ever seen. This is wonderful. The bread you may buy may be tough and it may taste something on the order of mud clabber, but be sure it tears evenly — that's what's important.

They get through tearing up the bread and the first crop of sages is back at you with something else they've found wrong in Washington. However, they don't have time to destroy the reputations of more than three or four decent people before they have to give way to some real excited geniuses who have come up with a denture adhesive that'll make

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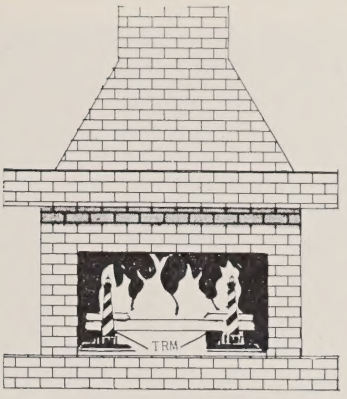
pencils stick to your fingers and water glasses hang upside down from the palm of your hand . . . all of which is most educational. If this stuff is just half as adhesive as they claim, then any poor soul who puts a gob of it in his mouth is bidding for a case of instant and permanent lockjaw.

The news lads return to the scene with an in-depth analysis of the inhabitants of West Ballinock, Oklafornia. It seems this charming village has been selected by the sages as one which is representative of all America. The sages don't bother to reveal what makes the West Ballinockians so all-fired typical, but it doesn't really make a whole lot of difference. What the sages have done is culled over the West Ballinockians until they found four or five they could put on camera and by their testimony prove that decency is immoral, Boy Scouts are subversive, and Motherhood is sinful.

The denture people pop up again, this time with a cleanser that'll take lipstick off of anything. This doesn't look like much of a promotion to me — I imagine most denture wearers are of an age when a lipstick smear would be worn as a badge of honor. You get hold of some old codger who's just been kissed by a pretty girl and try to get that lip print away from him — he's liable to rap you a good one.

The news boys cap off their share of the show with their usual generous exposure of hippies and demonstrators, just so there won't be any misunderstanding as to where the sympathies of the networks lie. Then the Madison Avenue boys wrap it all up with a lot of noise about the vast quantities of dirt just one enzyme in a certain washing powder can eat and how much stomach acid can be devoured by a certain pill. According to their statistics if all the enzymes in just one box of washing powder and all the pills in just one bottle should happen to get their full ration on the same day they would collectively swell to such vast proportions that there wouldn't be enough room left in the ordinary house for more than two people to enjoy the performance.

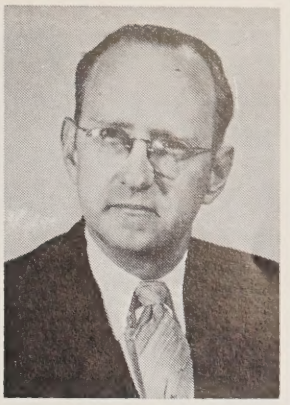
That's all from Onslow.



HEARTHSIDE CHATS

By

Tom MacRae, 32°



It has been said (and will again) that "A policeman's lot isn't a happy one" and proof of this old maxim was aptly demonstrated recently in Onslow County.

A police officer who had never removed his service revolver from its holster (except on the pistol range) during almost 14 years service, did so and the results were disastrous.

The officer was on routine patrol during the early morning hours when a detective radioed him to help apprehend a fleeing "subject." The fugitive was wanted for questioning about his movements in an area that had some eight break-ins within a week or so.

During the officer's foot chase with the "subject" the officer drew his revolver and fired three times — twice into the air and once into the ground. Police, for years, have done this to encourage fugitives to stop.

Unfortunately, the last bullet struck the ground and ricocheted. The bullet, on its new path, fatally wounded the "subject" who turned out to be a 16-year-old boy of another race.

The officer was relieved of his duties. A coroner's jury ruled that he will face possible indictment by the grand jury for manslaughter.

It is tragic that a 16-year-old boy's life was lost. That fact cannot be disputed. It is equally tragic that a boy that age would be allowed to roam the streets at 3 a.m.

It is even more tragic that the detective, upon first stopping the boy, was handed an envelope containing change just as the youth fled. This prompted the detective's call for help.

Americans are prone to "cuss the police" for failing to stop the ever-increasing number of crimes. The average American has heard of the "Miranda" warning that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled MUST be used before a suspect can be questioned.

If YOU were charged with any crime and an officer read the following questions to you . . . just what would your reply be?

1. You have the right to remain silent.

2. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law.

3. You have the right to talk to a lawyer and have him present with you while you are being questioned.

4. If you cannot afford to hire a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent you before any questioning, if you wish one.

5. If you do decide to talk, you have the right to stop at any time you wish.

6. Do you understand each of these rights I have explained to you?

7. Having these rights in mind, do you wish to talk to us now?

There's another old maxim that needs revising: "Crime doesn't pay."

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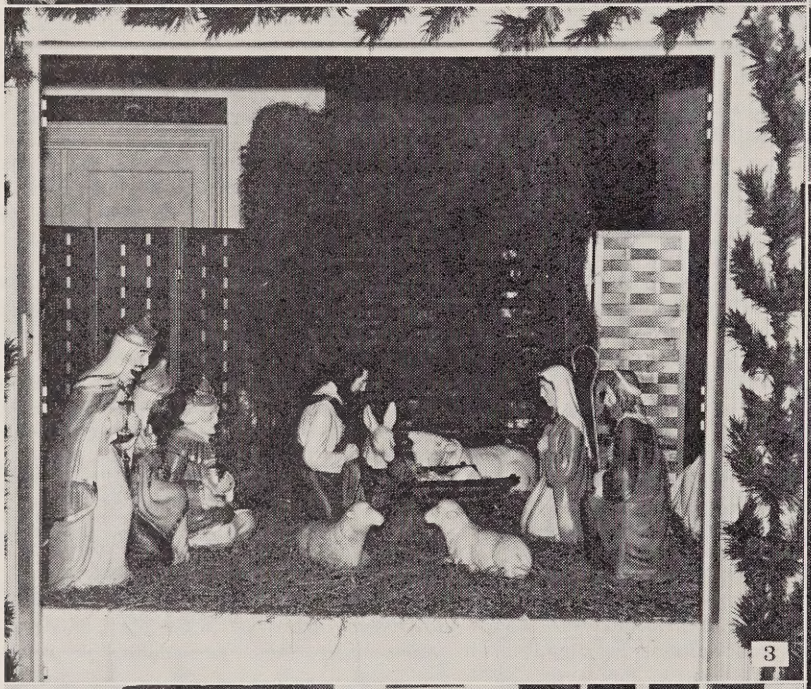
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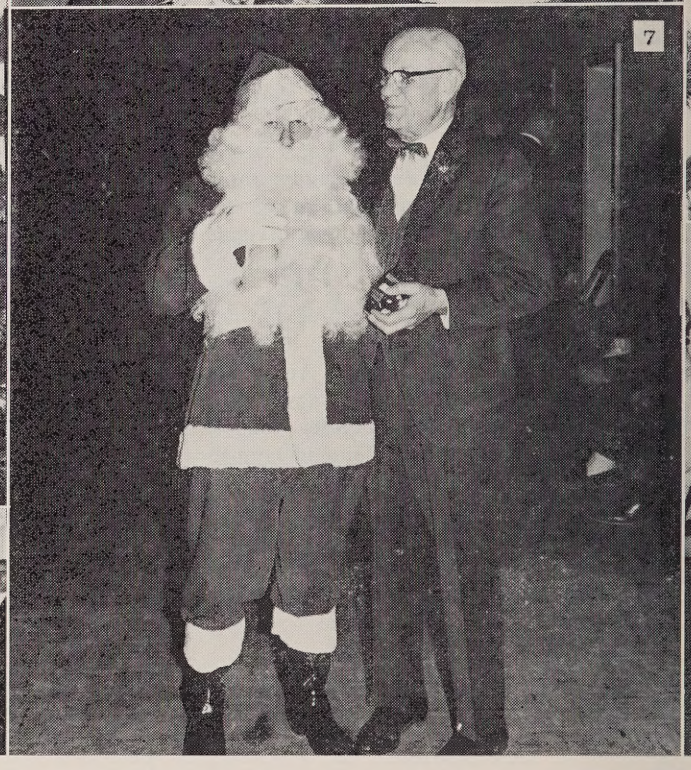
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1. Mrs. O. N. Dixon presiding over the lovely refreshment table.
2. Members and guests enjoy our party!
3. Nativity scene at the rear of the entrance hall.
4. Members and guests enjoy refreshments at small tables covered with pretty Christmas cloths.
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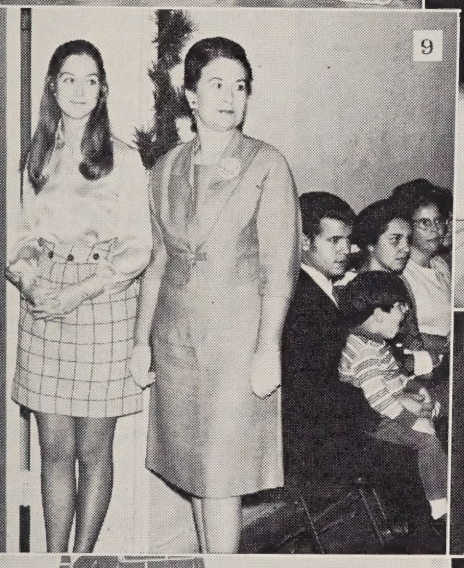
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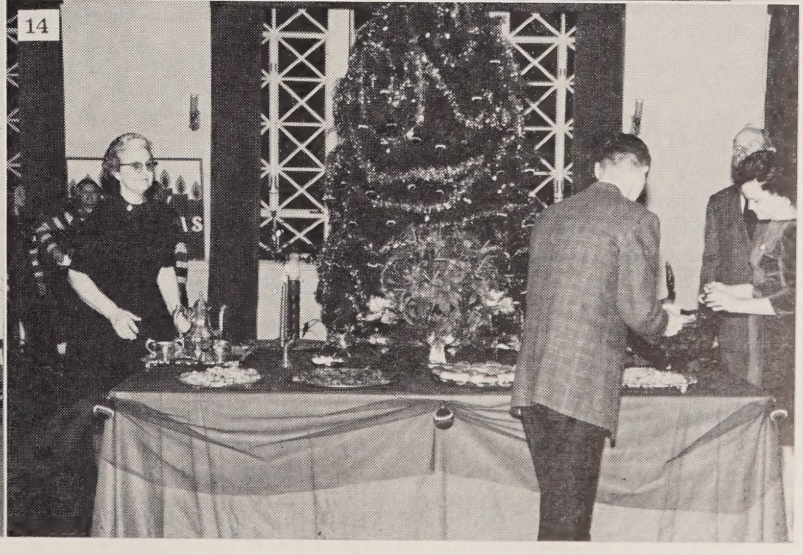
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"Pals" with Santa Claus!

g hall.

Jim Ipock, greeting at the dining hall door.

10. The Anderson Sisters enjoying a chat with Santa Claus.
11. Santa Claus makes his arrival.
12. Santa listening to the children.
13. The Anderson Sisters entertain with songs.
14. Mrs. Irene Waters and Mrs. Mary Dixon serving at the beautifully decorated table.

"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

OLD THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY!

But, have they? Today is essentially the same as any other day! 1970's beginning is doubtless little different from the beginning of last year. The same powers which awoke the dawn in 1969 will awaken each new dawn in 1970. There will be no more nor any less hours in this new day than there have been in any other! Light will give way to darkness; darkness will give way to light. On and on it shall go so long as this world exists.

For some this is the monotony of living! For others it holds no morbid feelings. I must confess that I have in years gone by shared with and drunk fully of this morbid feeling of "round and round she goes and where she stops nobody knows!" I have awakened with the dawn only to feel that it was just another day to live! The pressures were great; the burdens were so heavy; life was so compelling! I know now that I was wrong. Yet, I think I can be more sympathetic with the one who feels all washed up and all washed out. I am sorry for the sin of faithlessness. I am grateful for the blessings of having overcome it. I have learned that every day can be a symphony or a discordant note! It all depends on who is leading the orchestra and how well the individual musician plays his part. The music of life is written perfect; the discords are made by inexperienced or ill-prepared musicians. Life was intended to have meaning for all the sons of men. Some of us reached the "land of beginning again" when we were exposed to some pretty soul-searching questions a short time ago. We became a new creature. It was not just because the experience was young. Rather it was because we were willing to devoutly dedicate ourself to a new quality of living. These Masonic lessons are eternally new in transforming power for all who will ponder them.

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

This is the thing which keeps some of us ever returning to the seat of the Reunion. These lessons can take the most worn-out and outmodeled way of living and show us how to get newness by bringing our ownselves to bear upon existence. Eternal reality is experienced in time when we truly learn our Masonic lessons well. Existence in time takes on a new and a different perspective and quality. It is because of the possibility of this new reality that I ask you to join me in an attempt to make this year the most spiritual year we have ever had. Let the Great Architect of the Universe bring newness into your life which will bring a newness into your very being which will make every day a benediction of God's eternal grace.

We are face to face with the matter of quality of living. Inately, man has the desire to be religious. Anthropologists tell us that they have been unable to find a tribe or people who do not have some kind of spiritual belief. When this spiritual life becomes a highly ethical one, making great demands of men in their way of life, it becomes often uncomfortable and inconvenient. Masonry — true Masonry (which is a close walk with God) — makes life new because it makes men new. When men come in surrender to the moral law of life, the eternally new pervades their being and remakes their spirit. It is no longer a matter of "trying to be good"; but, it now is a matter of being related to God. When spiritual expressions stem from our commitment, then the bondage is gone and we serve a new life because we desire to be master craftsmen in the quarries of life. There comes a new understanding of goodness and love . . . new insights into what his designs mean as they are inscribed on the trestleboards of our Masonic blue-print for noble living. There comes new power for a new day!

When the new life becomes a part of us — or we of it — we see all men in a different light. They are not competitors whom we are to conquer in the battle for existence or subsistence! They no longer are numbers on a roll or sifures of a statistic. They are not even mere members of a lodge or consistory. They become — yea, they have always been — sons of God whom we can love and offer brotherly counsel and assistance. Each time we renew that dedication at the alters of our lodges we walk away a new creature in God.

A Nebraska newspaper carried this little gem: "The rains that nourish the optomists' flowers makes the pessimists' weeds to grow; and the drought that does what the pessimist predicted for the flowers does what the optomist hoped for the weeds." Life and history have meaning only because God is giving direction and is ultimately in charge. Therefore whatever the circumstances of our life are or may become, we know who ultimately is in control. Circumstances are not all there is to life! God has the last word. We can often change the circumstances by using the resources and working tools which He has made available to us. Masonic faith does not encourage a man to lie down and quit when life becomes hard; it encourages each of us to arise amidst the darkness and uncertainty, to follow our Conductor (God) and fear no danger.

You and I can walk into the new year with a new heart. We can see a new heaven and a new earth. What a difference can come to those whose faith is well-founded. Behold, He does make all things new.

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Christmas Open House In Our Temple

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern threw open their doors on December 21st, 1969 for an Open House Observance of Christmas. This observance began at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon and continued until 9:00 o'clock in the evening. It was a tremendous success from every standpoint; almost 400 people came in for an inspection of the Christmas decorations and for the enjoyment of a few minutes of fellowship as they sat at the table in the banquet hall and partook of the delightful refreshments that had been prepared by the officers and members of Craven Chapter No. 129 O.E.S. with Mrs. Basil Harman, Worthy Matron, assuming responsibility for the preparation and serving of the refreshments.

Mrs. Sue Flowers, popular writer for the New Bern Sun Journal and whose husband, Jennings Flowers, is a 32° Mason, honored the Temple with a visit and wrote a very interesting account and description of the observance which she subsequently had published in the New Bern Sun Journal. The visit, as Mrs. Flowers described it, is given here as she recorded it:

CHRISTMAS EVIDENT IN TEMPLE HERE

"Everywhere, Everywhere, Christmas" was evident in the Scottish Rite Temple on Sunday as hundreds of visitors attended the annual Open House in the Temple between the hours of 3 and 9 p.m., being greeted by Robert L. Pugh, Recorder of the Temple, and Mrs. Pugh.

The entire lower floor was elaborately decorated with garlands of greenery, wreaths, candles and a small Christmas tree. The banquet hall on the second floor was aranged with a huge gaily-decorated Christmas Tree with myriads of lights, greenery, candles and wreaths. The tables for serving refreshments were covered with green satin cloths festooned with red tulle and centered with red poinsettias and lighted red tapers in silver candelabra.

At the entrance to Mr. Pugh's private office was a kissing ball, and the doorway was outlined with Christmas cards, which he had received.

At one end of the reception hall was a large Nativity Scene, which was spotlighted and in the lounge was a small Nativity Scene.

The guests visited the auditorium, in which the Scottish Rite Degrees are conferred during the reunions in the fall and spring. This was a special treat as this part of the Temple is usually closed to the public.

Refreshments of punch, coffee, ham biscuits, sweets, nuts and candies were served.

During the event, Santa Claus made his appearance having come from the North Pole especially for the occasion to talk with the children concerning their last minute wishes for Christmas.

The Anderson Sisters, Ruth, Elizabeth, Janet, JoRan and Katherine, entertained with a number of folk songs being accompanied by Ruth on the guitar.

Charles Potter was chairman of the Open House and was assisted by W. H. Scott, vice-chairman, in making arrangements for the entertaining event.

Those assisting in receiving and serving during the hours were: Mr. and Mrs. Marion Barfield, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Opphile, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Aldridge, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. John Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Noble, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kellum, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Heath, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ipock, Jr., Clarence Koonce, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ipock, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Barrington, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Paul, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Leggett, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dorsey, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Cayton, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gillikin, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Constant, Reynold Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. David Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Vail, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sermons, Col. and Mrs. Ed Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Guptill, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Wetherington, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny West, Mr. and Mrs. Ethridge Ricks and Mr. and Mrs. Jack White.

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Scottish Rite Mason Active As Navy Chaplain

One of our relative new-comers is performing an excellent and interesting task in the service of the U. S. Navy. In fact this Brother has had an interesting career from many standpoints and it is felt that our members in general would find much fascination in the experiences of this man who has dedicated his life to the spiritual welfare of others. Brother William David Cooper is now a Commander in the U. S. Navy serving as Chaplain in the Naval Officer Candidate School at Newport, R. I. Interestingly enough, Brother Cooper was born in a town in Tennessee by the name of Mason, and it is worthy of conjecture that his place of birth had at least a small part to play in his later decision to become a Master Mason. His Blue Lodge membership is in St. Munn Lodge No. 496 of Scotland and he received all his degrees of the Scottish Rite from the 4th through the 32nd during the November Reunion of 1965 while he was assigned to the Marine Base at Camp Lejeune.

Subsequently, in 1966 and 67 he was aboard the U. S. S. Albany for a Mediterranean cruise and during this experience he and several other Masons of his group visited Lodges in Naples, Italy and Izmir, Turkey.

Commander William David Cooper, 32°

During 1967-68 he was attached to the Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Forrestal and it was during his assignment to this ship that it was almost destroyed as a result of explosions and flames aboard ship and had it not been for the courage and bravery of the men aboard ship it would have been completely destroyed. Even so, 134 men were lost.

This terrible experience brought forth an immediate response of sympathy from the crew who thereupon provided a special fund for the assistance of the widows and for the education of the children of those who lost their lives in the accident and also to assist those of their shipmates who had been seriously wounded.

Commander Cooper's present assignment is at the Officer Candidate School in Newport, R. I. where they train about 40% of the Navy's line officers. An additional assignment is with the School's Command where lawyers, doctors, dentists, nurses, women officers, Warrant Officers, and others receive their initial military training. These future officers are normally the top flight students from their universities. About 7% of those applying or one in fifteen are accepted. Commander and Brother Cooper has a close relationship with all of these personnel because he serves as the Pastor, Counselor and Instructor. Thus he is presented with unusual and favorable opportunities for guidance as he contacts those who will soon be the future officers of our Navy.

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern are proud indeed of Brother Cooper's record and we bid him Godspeed as he continues his labors in the great work to which he has been called.

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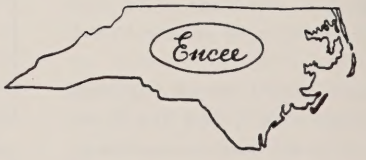

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The meeting was held at the Beaufort County Shrine Club on Slatestone Road.

A steak cookout was enjoyed by the eighteen members present.

Brother Ray Alexander gave the invocation and we sat down to eat at six-thirty.

Brother Ray Alexander and President Vance Smith with their lovely ladies made all of the preparations for the meal. We do not know who was responsible for the salad but everyone commented on how they enjoyed it. Up to this time we have always had french-fried potatoes but this time we were served delicious baked potatoes. Everyone remarked how much they enjoyed themselves.

Following the meal there was a short business session.

Much discussion of the recent Reunion was held as there were several members from the club that attended the Reunion. There were four candidates from Beaufort County.

Brother Ashley Leggett was recognized for his achieving the honor of K.C.C.H. in Charlotte, N. C. on November 8th.

The club agreed to make a donation to the Beaufort County Shrine Club of $25.00 as gratitude for the use of their building.

The Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report were approved.

There being no further old business at hand the president asked the nomination committee to make their report.

Brother Henry Jones was elected President; Jack Tripp, Vice-President, and Ashley Leggett was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Brother Leggett asked to be replaced and brought attention that he had served in the same capacity for five years and he was tired and he also felt that the club needed new blood, he stated that he did not want it referred to as Ashley Leggett's club. He was quickly overruled and still remains as Secretary.

Brother Bob Mohler's presence was missed, so all members present signed a card to be mailed to him who is at his mother's bedside in Baths, Va.

Brother Dukie Watson who was a surgical patient in the Beaufort County Hospital right after Thanksgiving was reported dismissed from the hospital recently and is recovering nicely.

Outgoing President Smith thanked the club for their support during his term of office in 1969.

Incoming President Jones thanked the club for their confidence in electing him as their President for 1970 and promised he would do all in his power to make it a successful year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Ashley G. Leggett, Secretary

Dare County Scottish Rite Club

At 7:00 P.M., on the 14th of November, 1969, the Ladies' Night Scottish Rite Party, was held at the Manteo Masonic Lodge Hall, Manteo, N. C., sponsored by New Bern Consistory No. 3.

The program was as follows: Toastmaster, Bro. Francis W. Clark, 33°; Invocation, Bro. George M. Powell, 32°, Member, Dare Scottish Rite Club; Address of Welcome, Bro. John E. Finn, 32°, President, Dare Scottish Rite Club; Introduction of Speaker, Bro. Nelson B. Banks, 32°, K.C.C.H., Recorder of Sudan Temple; Speaker, Scottish Rite Masonry, Bro. Robert L. Pugh, 33°, P.G.M.; Entertainment was in the form of several useful, and timely door prizes, made possible by the generosity of our local businessmen; Benediction, Bro. Robert L. Pugh.

During the program, the present officers, and Past President Bro. Z. F. Payne, of the Dare Scottish Rite Club, and their wives, were introduced. Bros. Clarence Koonce, K.C.C.H. of New Bern, and Walter Kirby, K.C.C.H., from Elizabeth City were present and recognized. The prospective candidates were duly recognized, and assured a warm welcome at New Bern. The wives were told of the royal treatment they would receive if they accompanied their husbands.

Dr. W. W. Johnston, 32°, probably our oldest member in terms of membership, was introduced, and spoke a few words of encouragement.

Members of the Order of the Amaranth, Coastal Court No. 12, under the leadership of Royal Matron, Dorothy Garrison, were recognized for their work in preparing a delicious dinner, and the beautiful manner in which the dining room was decorated.

All present stood in silent prayer for one minute in memory of Bro. Jackson Sanderlin Twiford, 32°, who was just recently deceased.

All present enjoyed the dinner, and the speech making. Bro. Pugh's address was very timely, informative, and thorourghly enjoyed. Bro. Banks made some timely comments prior to his introduction of the speaker.

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Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club

The Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club held its last meeting of the year November 25, 1969 at the Moose Lodge in Jacksonville, N. C. This was the last meeting of the year under the capable leadership of Bro. Russ Bray who has been a most gracious President to work with.

Bro. Bray called the meeting to order, made several timely remarks and called on Bro. Russ Baker to give the invocation after which everyone enjoyed a most delicious steak dinner prepared by Bro. Odell Gladson and his able assistants.

After the meal we had a short business meeting. A motion was made directing the incoming Treasurer to divide equally the money remaining in our treasury at the end of the year and send it to Oxford Orphanage and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. The nominating committee recommended the following officers for the ensuing year: E. W. Morgan, President; H. E. McNair, Vice-President and R. P. Geary, Secretary-Treasurer. The recommendation was unanimously accepted. Bro. Reynold Davenport acted as the installing officer.

A couple of announcements were made after our more serious business was taken care of. The announcement was made that it was Bro. Odell Gladson's birthday. We helped eat his birthday cake but we didn't find out how old he was. It was also announced that Nov. 25 was Bro. and Mrs. E. W. Morgan's wedding anniversary. How long have they been married? Well, Mrs. Morgan did some blushing but we didn't find that out either.

LADIES' NIGHT PARTY — JACKSONVILLE, N. C.

Speaker's Table — Captain Russell Bray presiding.

There being no further business, Bro. Russ Baker gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

Russ Bray, President
James Batchelor,
Secretary-Treasurer

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held its regular meeting Monday night, Dec. 1, 1969, at "Tetterton's Restaurant", a delicious steak dinner was enjoyed by all present.

The following members were present: G. R. Leggett, Sr., President; W. C. Chesson, Secretary; Dan Pittman, Putt Landing, Alton Gurganus, R. H. Lucas, Benton Tetterton, Bryant Harris, Carl Ober, Leslie Manning.

Every effort was made to impress upon each member to use their Christmas associations to invite every Brother they come in contact with to explore the wonderful blessings of "Scottish Rite Masonry" this is a splendid season of the year to use any influence we may have

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with any Brother that, he may enjoy all the blessings that we enjoy, he will always be grateful to us for this privilege.

As we enter into a new year, let us take inventory of the resolutions we made at the beginning of the old, and see if we can profit by the mistakes we have made, that the new may be better than the past, and when we can't see, may we walk by faith, that our lives may be enriched, ennobled, and strengthened.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Life has never been easy and never will be. But it is comforting to know that while times and situations and people change, God is still the same, and He is able to keep us from falling.

This is an age when anything old-fashioned is either sneered at or ignored completely until it becomes a valuable antique. Whether it is outmoded styles in dress or furniture or traditional ideas of education, morality or other phases of living, this generation has no use for the timeworn.

It is unfortunate that in the search for newer and better ways, we often fail to reflect upon the effectiveness of what has gone before and learn from such study. It is even more distressing to see the increasing acceptance of lowered standards.

It is folly to imagine that modern living, with its acknowledged stresses and strains, fears and troubles, demands a freedom from all inhibition and self-restraint. Surely in these difficult days we need to guard ourselves even more carefully. Perhaps the "anything goes" idea is the hopeless outcome of the frustrating experience of trying to live a Godly life without God. Finding this impossible, we give up and become victims of the evil that preys upon misguided minds.

God's plan for men, revealed through His Son Jesus Christ, has never changed, and men and women today are finding that it works. Christ is still the Answer. If there was ever a time when we needed answers to the tragedies, the conflicts, the heartbreaks of life, it is now. And for times like these, God is "very now".

But every man must discover this for himself. He must put his life and trust into God's hands, accepting Him and His standards. When this is done, God proves Himself to be sufficient for every need.

May we take Him as our guide throughout the New Year, that it may be a safe and happy one, as well as a successful one.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

WILSON SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club met on Dec. 3, 1969 at the Cherry Hotel. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. A delicious dinner was served and the Invocation was given by Brother Hubert Simpson.

The President opened the meeting by urging each member to return to New Bern to go through the degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry again. Brother Lamm expressed his pleasure in having been privileged to serve the club as its President for 1969.

Brother John D. Wilson gave a talk on our national government. Brother E. J. Langley spoke on our county government, and the bond issue. President-elect Carl Aycock stated he was offering a prize for the member who would secure the greatest number of petitions for our Spring Reunion in April. He also said he would give a prize for the man who brings in the greatest number of members in this club during the year 1970.

Brother C. C. Burris will be the principle speaker at our next meeting which will be held in Cherry Hotel Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. A dutch supper will be served.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

D. M. Harrell, Secretary

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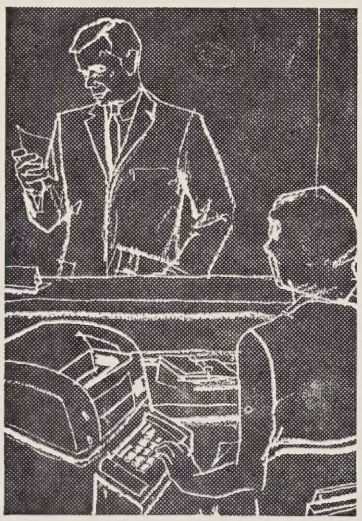

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